

Transit Hub Increases Options For Commuters

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Commuters are getting used to new routes, wi-fi and USB-equipped buses, signage, sidewalks and clearly marked drop-off areas following recently completed construction at the Rosemont CTA transit center on River Road. This year, a new traffic signal and parking areas will be added to the facility.

Rosemont trustees Feb. 8 approved a \$58,989 construction engineering services agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering to construct the new signal on River Road at the transit center entrance. The project is expected to begin soon.

As for parking, Pace officials say commuters who drive to the center not only have free access to Pace's Park-n-Ride, but by the end of this year, 551 new parking spaces. This includes parking spaces for Rosemont and the Park-n-Ride at I-90 and Randall Road in Hoffman Estates.

Pace launched six new bus routes Dec. 19 serving the Rosemont transit center and building upon five existing routes. It also added 25 new 40-foot express buses for commuters.

Three new express bus routes -- 603, 605 and 607 -- and three new local routes -- 604, 608 and 611 -- are offered by Pace. The five existing routes remain -- 550, 600, 606, 610 and 616. The 25 new buses are equipped with free wi-fi, USB charging ports, high-back seating and overhead storage. They all flow in and out of the Rosemont center.

The transit center construction was part of the Illinois Tollway's multi-year rebuilding and widening of the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), which includes a special bus transit lane. Construction partners included Rosemont, the Federal Transit Administration, Illinois Tollway, Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago Transit Authority, Cook County, Kane County, Hoffman Estates and IDOT.



On The Go

The free Rosemont Entertainment Circulator bus leaves the recently updated Rosemont CTA Transit Station last week headed for one of its many daily stops in the village.